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<b>NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES</b>		Docket Number (Optional) 101896-0240
In re Application of Paul Birkmeyer, Michael Zajack, Erasmo Lopez, and Ramon A. Ruberte		
Application Number 10/708,721-Conf. #2720	Filed March 19, 2004	
For SPINAL FIXATION ELEMENT AND METHODS		
Art Unit 3733	Examiner J. L. Swiger	

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1)) \$ 540.00

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 141449.

☐ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22) is enclosed.

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See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96) \_\_\_\_\_  
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October 10, 2008  
Date

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☐ \*Total of 1 forms are submitted.